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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 2, "the" should be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 13, 14, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Claims 13 and 14 recite the limitation "the data encoder" in lines 2-3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.
5. Claim 40 recites the limitation "the set time interval" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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7. Claims 1-11, 14-17, and 19-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gammenthaler (2004/0201765).

Gammenthaler, in Figures 1-4, discloses an in-car digital video recording using the same method of operating a vehicle-mounted surveillance system including a camera and vehicle-mounted recording device that creates video recordings having a start time and a stop time as specified in claims 1-11, 14-17, and 19-40 of the present invention, the method comprising the steps of capturing a stream of live video of an area of surveillance using the camera 10; processing the live video stream to impose a delay of pre-set time interval on the live video stream to generate a time-delayed video stream (e.g. 51, 60); and activating the recording device 52, upon an occurrence of an event at a reference time, to record the time-delayed video stream so that a video recording is created of the surveillance area and the start time of the video recording precedes the reference time by the pre-set time interval.

With respect to claims 2-11, 14-17, and 19-40, Gammenthaler also discloses sequentially writing data representative of the live video stream into a FIFO buffer 60 by holding the data in the FIFO buffer for the pre-set time interval; compressing the data 44 that is written into the FIFO buffer 60; where the time-delayed video stream is generated by reading the data out of the FIFO buffer 60 upon expiration of the pre-set time interval; the live video stream is received as an analog-formatted stream 78 and converted into a digitized stream 16; the analog-formatted stream is an NTSC-defined video stream 76; where the live video stream is received as a digitally-formatted stream 72; where the live video stream includes an image component 10 and an audio

component (e.g. 82, 86); a data decoder (e.g. 70, 108); a digital-to-analog converter 38; wherein the processor is user-controllable to adjust processing parameters 21; and random access memories (e.g. 254, 270).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

10. Claims 12, 13, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gammenthaler.

Although Gammenthaler discloses a data encoder for compressing data, it is noted Gammenthaler differs from the present invention in that it fails to particularly disclose the standards by which the encoding process follows as specified in claims 12, 13, and 18. However, Examiner takes Official Notice that industry regulation such as

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CCIR-601 is notoriously well known in the art. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would have had no difficulty in recognizing the importance of meeting the requirements of certain accepted practices such as field size associated with encoding and standard interface connection such as RCA-type co-axial connection, in order to conform to the International Telecommunications Union recommendation and increase compatibility.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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